

Where

Libya, in the following municipalities:

Bani Walid	Al Kufra	Al Beyda
Ghariani	Ghat	Al Marj
Tajoura	Sebha	Tobruk
Zliten	Traghen	Tokra



Project duration

September 2025 - November 2027

Info

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Stakeholders and partners

- **European Union Delegation to Libya (EUD)** - Donor of the "Water Resources Management Facility" Special Measure for Libya 2023
- **Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)** - Delegated entity of the programme "Water Resources Management at Municipal Level in Libya"
- **Ministry of Local Government** - National institutional counterpart, supporting coordination with local authorities
- **Libyan municipalities** - Key local actors and primary target group of the project
- **Libyan citizens and local communities** - Final beneficiaries of improved water services and strengthened local governance

Implementing partners (Trentino, Italy)

- **Autonomous Province of Trento** - Lead partner
- **University of Trento** - Providing expertise, training and pilot initiatives
- **Centre for International Cooperation** - Supporting learning, community engagement and the community of practice



MUNICIPAL UPGRADING OF WATER SYSTEMS FOR LOCAL IMPACT



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MUWALI is a **decentralised partnership project** that aims at strengthening water governance and management at local level in Libya through an **integrated approach** to the water cycle, improved **availability of data** and the use of **unconventional water sources**.

Rationale and Approach

MUWALI addresses critical gaps in water resource management governance which hinder sustainable and equitable **access to water**.

Through **technical training, pilot projects, awareness raising and community engagement**, MUWALI introduces innovative water management practices and empowers local administrations, service providers, and communities with new skills and tools.

Main activities

- Conduct **situation analysis and needs assessment** on water resources, capacities, technical solutions, and training in 12 Municipalities of Libya.
- Support the development of an **Integrated Water Resources Management Plan** to strengthen local administrations' capacity to respond to current challenges and ensure sustainable water resources management.
- Promote **capacity building**: Training of Trainers directed to Libyan technicians and training activities to the staff of target municipalities.
- Implement **pilot projects** to test innovative solutions addressing the main challenges related to water resources management at municipal level.
- Establish and run a **community of practice among local actors** in charge of water governance and management: a common environment to share ideas, opportunities, expertise, research and practices also beyond project implementation.



Undertake **awareness raising and community engagement** activities on key sustainable water management issues such as scarcity, quality, efficient usage and conservation while also establishing collaborative governance models.

Outputs

1. **Strengthened local capacity** for a sustainable, inclusive, and efficient management of the existing water resources' system.
2. **Enhanced data collection and management capacity** of local administrations in the water sector.
3. Increased knowledge and dissemination of **non-traditional water resources usage** at the local level.

MUWALI is implemented in the framework of the **Nicosia Initiative**, a bottom-up operational platform promoted by the European Committee of the Regions to support the decentralisation process in Libya through decentralised partnerships.